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More than 20,000 residents of the County of Los Angeles are currently living with HIV/AIDS, and thousands more remain undiagnosed. More than 50 percent of newly diagnosed AIDS cases are African American and Latino patients. The State of California ranks second nationally in the total number of AIDS cases, which exceeds 140,000. Despite substantial progress in the 30 years since the disease was first identified, the fight to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS continues.

On Sunday, October 17, 2010, AIDS Project Los Angeles will conduct the 26th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles, beginning with a 9:15 a.m. opening ceremony at San Vicente Boulevard, between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, in West Hollywood. The 6.2 mile fundraising walk will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Last year County employees, led by the Department of Child Support Services, raised more than \$37,000 on behalf of AIDS Walk Los Angeles. The funds helped support local agencies and programs serving people living with HIV and AIDS.

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In addition, the County continues its public awareness efforts, especially in minority communities, to aggressively promote prevention and treatment services with a goal of changing the course of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

- 1) Proclaim Sunday, October 17, 2010 as “AIDS Walk Los Angeles Day” in the County of Los Angeles; and
- 2) Officially encourage County employees and residents to participate support this worthwhile fundraising effort.

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